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SUBJECT: BRITISH DISCOURAGED ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR  
INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS

REF: (A) NICOSIA 363 (B) ANKARA 981

SUMMARY. BRITISH OFFICIALS ARE DISCOURAGED ABOUT PROS-  
PECTS FOR INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. THEY ARE FRUSTRATED  
BECAUSE NO EFFORTS BY U.S., EC-9 OR UNSYG SEEM TO PRODUCE  
PROGRESS. UK CONSIDERED PROPOSING NEW EC-9 DEMARCHE TO  
ALL PARTIES BUT AS OF FEBRUARY 9. OFFICIALS HAD ALMOST  
GIVEN UP ON THIS IDEA AS PROBABLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.  
END SUMMARY

1. MAE.VE FORT, FCO CYPRUS DESK OFFICER AND MICHAEL  
WESTON, ASSISTANT HEAD OF SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT  
ARE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR FEBRUARY 17 VIENNA  
TALKS. THEY FEAR THAT LATEST MAKARIOS DEMANDS FOR  
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WRITTEN POSITIONS ON ALL THREE NEGOTIATING ISSUES - TERR-

ITORY, FEDERAL ARRANGEMENTS AND CENTRAL GOVERNMENT  
POWERS - MAY UELL GIVE DENKTASH AND TURKS FURTHER EXCUSE  
NOT TO ATTEND FEBRUARY 17 MEETING. IF MEETING TAKES  
PLACE FCO OFFICIALS FEAR THAT OUTCOME MIGHT BE WORSE WITH  
NO PROGRESS AND FURTHER "DRIFT" WHICH WILL ONLY LEAD TO  
MORE DELAY IN PARTIES GETTING DOWN TO REAL NEGOTIATION.

2. FORT WAS CHAGRINED THAT EC DEMARCHE OF FEBRUARY 4  
(REF. B) WAS NOT CARRIED OUT BECAUSE AMBASSADORS  
OPPOSED. SHE SAID THAT UK AMBASSADOR PHILIPS IN ANKARA  
FREQUENTLY ARGUES WITH FCO ABOUT INSTRUCTIONS TO TAKE  
TOUGH LINE WITH TURKS ON CYPRUS BUT USUALLY DOES NOT HAVE  
SUPPORT OF HIS EC-9 COLLEAGUES. IN THIS CASE RESULT  
WAS THAT DEMAPCHE WAS MADE IN ATHENS AND NICOSIA BUT NOT  
IN ANKARA WHEPE IT MIGHT HAVE HELPED. EC POLITICAL  
MACHINERY IS CONSIDERING ANOTHER DEMARCHE IN LIGHT OF  
MORE RECENT EVENTS BUT UK HAS JUST ABOUT DECIDED FURTHER  
EC ACTION WOULD BE NON-PRODUCTIVE AT LEAST FOR THE  
MOMENT.

3. AT SAME TIME BRITISH ARE NOT PLANNING TO MAKE ANY  
MOVES WITHOUT SUPPORT AND COVER OF THEIR EC COLLEAGUES.  
GREEKS AND GREEK CYPRIOTS HAVE COMPLAINED THAT UK IS  
HIDING BEHIND EC SKIRTS. WHILE UK DOES NOT ACKNOWLEDGE  
THIS. FORT ADMITS THAT THERE IS TRUTH IN THE ALLEGATION.

4. WITHIN UK CYPRUS ISSUE HAS DIED DOWN IN TERMS OF  
PUBLIC INTEREST. MULTI-PARTY GROUP OF MP'S WHO VISITED  
GOC PORTION OF ISLAND RECENTLY CAME BACK WITH IMPRESSION  
THAT EVEN THOUGH THE ECONOMY IN THE SOUTH IS "IN TROUBLE"  
THE GREEK CYPPIOTS ARE DOING A REMARKABLE JOB OF RECOVERY.

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ONE OF THEM, TED GRAHAM, A RIGHT-WING LABOR MP, TOLD US HE THOUGHT GREEK CYPRIOT REFUGEES WERE FRUSTRATED WITH LACK OF PROGRESS TOWARD RETURN TO THEIR HOMES BUT THAT THEY WERE ALSO SOMEWHAT RESIGNED TO "FACTS OF LIFE" AND MAKING THE BEST OF A BAD SITUATION. HE WAS ALSO IMPRESSED THAT THEIR LIVING STANDARDS WERE BETTER THAN HE ANTICIPATED. REPORTS OF THIS KIND TEND TO TAKE THE HEAT OUT OF POLITICAL AND PUBLIC OPINION PRESSURE ON GOVERNMENT FOR ACTION ON CYPRUS.

5. THIS MAY CHANGE IN NEAR FUTURE AS PARLIAMENT RECENTLY HAS ESTABLISHED A SELECT COMMITTEE ON CYPRUS WHICH BY THE NATURE OF SUCH COMMITTEES WILL BE STRONGLY ORIENTED TOWARD GREEK CAUSE. (SELECT COMMITTEES ARE COMPOSED OF MP'S WHO HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN SERVING AND THEN ARE NOMINATED BY WHIPS. MP'S AVOID VOLUNTEERING FOR COMMITTEES OUTSIDE THEIR OWN INTERESTS BECAUSE SUCH

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SERVICE ONLY ADDS TO THEIR ALREADY CONSIDERABLE WORK LOAD.) CYPRUS SELECT COMMITTEE HAS INVITED SECRETARY OF STATE CALLAGHAN TO APPEAR BEFORE IT. HE HAS ASKED FCO STAFF TO PREPARE A LIST OF "MOST NEGATIVE QUESTIONS POSSIBLE" AND RESPONSES LIMITED TO WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN SAID IN PARLIAMENT BY GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN. FCO FULLY EXPECTS WORK OF THIS COMMITTEE WILL RESULT IN PUBLIC CRITICISM OF HMG FOR LACK OF PROGRESS ON CYPRUS DESPITE DEFENSIVE ACTION BY CALLAGHAN.

6. COMMENT. WE ARE STRUCK THAT FCO OFFICIALS THESE DAYS DESPAIR ABOUT THE PROSPECTS OF ANY PROGRESS TOWARD A SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS IMPASSE. WHILE ALWAYS OPEN TO NEW INITIATIVES FROM THE U.S., BRITISH SEEM INCREASINGLY TO BELIEVE THAT A CYPRUS SOLUTION WILL NOT BE ACHIEVED

ANY TIME SOON, THAT THE EC. NATO AND THE U.S. MUST LEARN  
TO LIVE FOR SMME TIME TO COME WITH THE UNPLEASANT  
REALITIES OF THE CURRENT SITUATION. AND THAT THE WEST,  
AND ESPECIALLY THE U.S.. WILL BE ENGAGED PRINCIPALLY IN  
THE PERIOD AHEAD IN TRYING TO MINIMIZE THE ACIDIC EFFECTS  
OF THE CYPRUS STALEMATE ON RELATIONS WITH GREECE AND  
TURKEY.

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